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## TROUBLE IN THE 6TH VIRGINIA.

### THE PRESIDENT WILL SAY

Resignations Not Acted Upon.  
Athletic Exercise.

TO GO FURTHER SOUTH—ON TO CUBA.

COOK THOMPSON LEAVES.



### LIEUTENANT WILLIAM TIFFANY.

Relatives of the late Lieutenant Tiffany recently sent to Colonel Roosevelt a fund of \$1,000 to be distributed among the rough riders in memory of the young lieutenant. Tiffany was conspicuous among the society contingent of the rough riders. Although prominent in the celebrated charge of the rough riders at San Juan, where he won promotion to a lieutenant, he escaped the Mauser bullets only to succumb to the Cuban fever and lack of nourishment. He was only 25 years old and was one of the best known society men in New York. A few years ago he became a cowboy on a cattle ranch to improve his health, and when the war with Spain began he at once joined the rough riders. There was excellent fighting blood in his veins, for his great-uncle was Oliver Hazard Perry, the hero of Lake Erie, whose message, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours!" will live in American history.

8th Va. Vol. Inf.  
Camp Poland,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Oct. 12, 1898.

Quite a sensation was caused in Camp Poland by the resignation of nine of our officers. The order for the examination of the officers, as to their fitness, qualifications and conduct was issued Monday evening. By Tuesday afternoon every single officer affected by the order had tendered his resignation to Col. Croxton. When the Board met Wednesday morning, they found nothing to do and retired. The resignations have been forwarded to the President, and much speculation is indulged in as to what the result will be. According to rules and regulations, if the resignations are accepted, the appointments will be made from the ranks, on the recommendation of the Regimental commander, the Governor of the State and the President.

#### MUCH RED TAPE.

There is so much red tape concerning military affairs that there is no possible way of telling or forecasting the result. Orders have been issued for athletic exercises in each of the Regiments every Saturday afternoon. Lieutenant Edwin T. Walker has been detailed as instructor. The exercises will consist of running, jumping, vaulting, trenching, pitching and striking tents, and any other program of contests the instructor may devise. A practice march of ten miles is to be made this week. The men are to carry their shelter tents, guns, ponchos, blankets, and haversacks, also rations for 2 days, as they will remain out all night. Wagons will carry tents for the officers, and kitchen equipage, as stops will be made for meals.

#### MAPS TO BE MADE.

Maps are to be made by each command, of the route traveled, including the character of the surrounding country, its natural advantages, and its adaptability to the movement of large

#### NEW APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments, to the Division Ambulance Corps have been made, Privates, Samuel Holmes, Company A, James H. Gentry, Company C, James Jordan, Company D, Addison Reed, Company H, Darryl P. Archer, Company F. New bugles have been issued to our drum corps, and the sweet strains of reveille are sounded at day-break each morning.

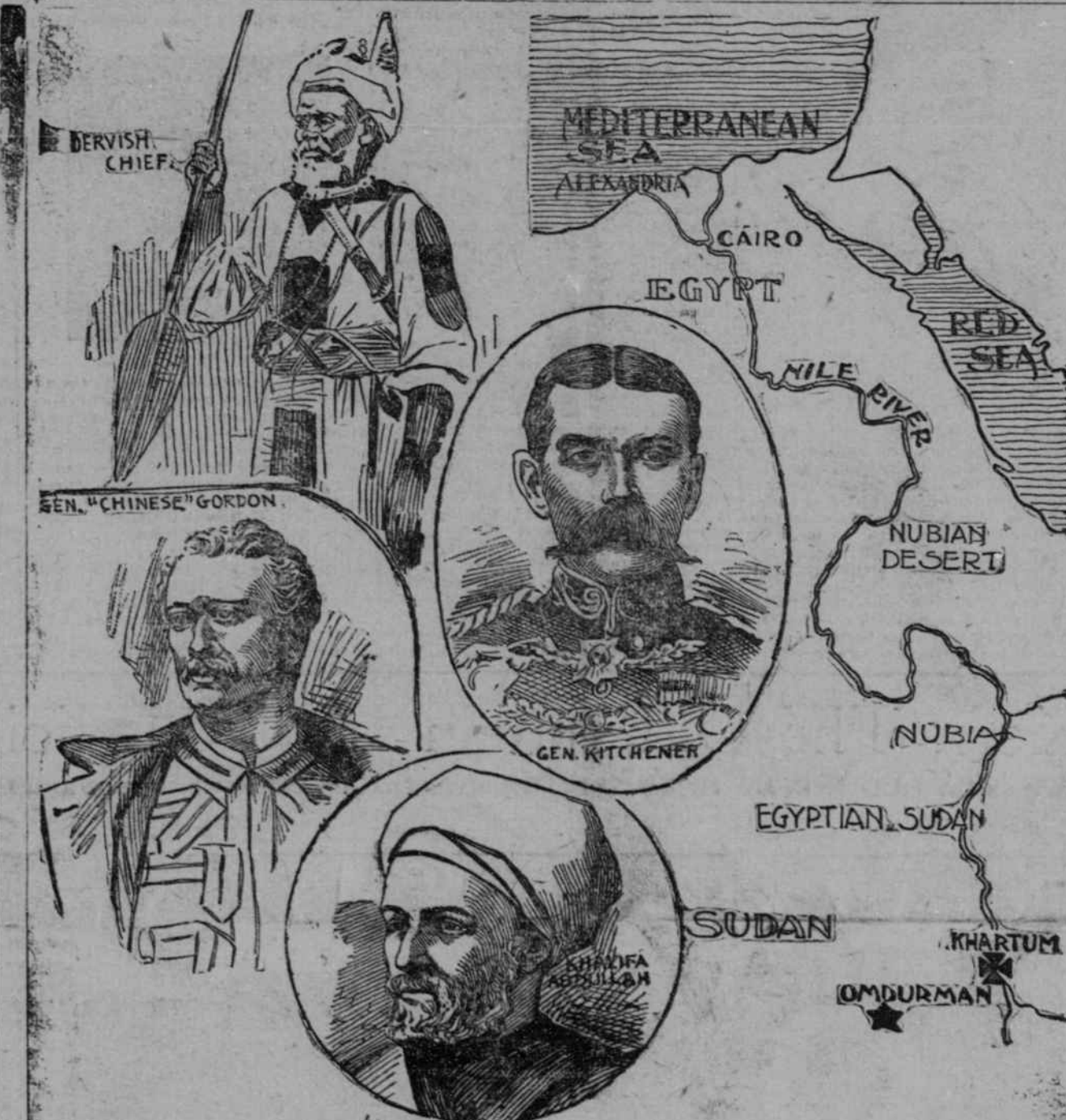
Captains Hankins and Sheppard have been found quite sick and are again.

Our camp is very popular with the people of Knoxville, and they flock out to camp every afternoon. The boys are reviving interest in the Literary Association, and on Tuesday night, gave a concert at the Little Zion Baptist Church, which was crowded to the doors. The entertainment was for the benefit of the Church.

#### THE HIT OF THE EVENING.

The invincible quartette of H. Company, and the Orchestra of Company C, made the hit of the evening. The orchestra is composed of William Page, John Richardson, Albert Jenkins, Eddie Jefferson of Company C and Corporal Joe Robinson of Company B.

An examination of all the books and accounts of this command was had a few days ago, and were found to be in satisfactory condition. The paymaster has arrived and will



### THE ENGLISH CAMPAIGN IN EGYPT.

Now that General Sir Herbert Kitchener, sirdar of the Egyptian army, has routed the forces of Khalifa Abdullah Great Britain will undoubtedly proceed to openly assume the ownership of Egypt, but that she will find her claims opposed is indicated already by the fact that the French under Captain Marchand are already blocking British progress southward at Fashoda, which is on the Nile, about 400 miles south of Khartoum, where Gordon met his tragic fate. General Kitchener has an army of 10,000 British troops and 15,000 Egyptians.

pay our men off in a day or two. We have been attached to the First Brigade, and will leave in a very short while to Macon Georgia, where we will be quartered for some time. We see from the Richmond papers that a strong effort is being made to have the 6th mustered out of the service, but from the indications here, we don't think there is much probability of its being done.

#### LIEUTENANT GILPIN'S MOVEMENT.

This week the Quartermaster's Department in charge of Lieut. Joseph St. J. Gilpin has issued to each man a pair of shoes, two pairs of socks, two suits of heavy underwear, 1 hat and a new suit of winter uniform. Mr. William Thompson, who has had the contract for messing the officers, has severed his connection with them, and will leave in a few days for Richmond.

The weather for the past few days has been quite cool and rainy, but the health of the men continues good. Private Eddie Jones whose leg was broken last week is getting along as well as can be expected.

Drills continue very hard. The men have a drill for twenty minutes before breakfast, and are now beginning to taste real army life. Some of our readers may think our men are having an easy time, but it is real hard work, to drill for an hour at a time, three or four times a day.

Church call is now sounded at 9 a. m. on Sundays, when the men are required to attend services. The work of the Y. M. C. A. is still progressing. A series of special meetings are now being held nightly. Rev. Rice of Knoxville was with the men, Monday night, and made plain the way of salvation. Quite a number manifested a desire to be saved.

All of our officers have received new uniforms, and make a splendid spectacle when seen together.

#### COME TO THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

There will be a Grand Festival for the benefit of the said church, beginning Monday Evening, October 17th, continuing through the entire week.

On Tuesday evening a grand Musical Entertainment will be given in connection with the festival. Other attractions through the week, Mock Marriage and Phonographic Concerts.

#### A Wife's Fondness.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 10.—Chas. Kemm private in Company E, Second Missouri, stationed at Lexington, Ky., who is now on a furlough to-day shot and killed Leslie Wesley, a colored man, with whom he found his wife living. Kemm returned recently and tried to find his wife. He found her to-day in the company of Leslie. Kemm is in jail.

### MAGNO'S MESSAGE.

#### SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

#### Social Equality in the Church.

#### COLORED ENTERPRISES IN THE WARD.

#### Marriages To Be—About "Ajax" and the Preacher—Other Briefs From the Ward.

The change of seasons carries with it the many changes in our people. The times has come when our thin summer wear is to be substituted by a heavy one to shield them against the fury of Mr. Hawkins. On last Sunday our girls ventured their summer draperies until the shades of evening came. Our churches were well attended.

Rev. Wells delivered excellent sermons to his congregations on last Sunday. He still holds his own as a powerful reasoner.

Rev. Dr. W. F. Graham, who has been recuperating in the South for the past month, met his congregation on last Sunday morning and again fed them with God's word. All were delighted with the sermon and jovial over his return.

Rev. R. O. Johnson filled his pulpit on last Sunday, and declared the word of God to quite a large congregation. A revival is in progress there this week. Christians, rally!

On last Sunday night we found ourselves seated in the Sixth M. Zion Church where thousands flock on that night to hear the eloquent Rev. John Jasper preach. We reached there about 7:30 when we were told that the Rev. had not returned from his vacation; but went in. Shortly afterwards about dozen white persons marched to the front. About 8:15 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Fields began services. He took as text, "The great day of his wrath is come, who shall be able to stand?" It was a powerful discourse and both white and colored seemed to enjoy the services. This may have been social equality.

We are reliably informed that next month will be full of marriages. We have two for the next two weeks. Do you know them?

Our people are now carrying on business among themselves. Various kinds of business enterprises are being started. We have in our midst a colored drug-store. If you want drugs or sta-

tionaries, go to Mr. Thompson's corner of St. James and Duval St.

"Ajax" has been after a certain preacher with drawn sword for claiming that the Church of God was "hell on earth." "Ajax" said he (the Rev.) was the archangel. We think that "Ajax" is right, and would recommend that he be employed as a tutor for the divine.

Some of our preachers' promises are like pie crusts. They don't mind making an engagement and then disavow it a waiting congregation. Brethren, unless you stop, you will not reach the good old land, Where old Elijah went.

The people of this section will leave on Monday night to attend the Star Concert at the True Reformers' Hall. Mr. Louis Allen Fisher of Boston will star the occasion; while Miss Emily Price, supported by other Richmond talent, will be responsible for Richmond stars.

They say it's a fact that the widower and widow have declared all things mutual, and will tie the knot in wedlock this month.

Shorthand—The Y. M. C. A. School of Shorthand and Type-writing will begin Monday October 31st at 8 o'clock P. M. under the management of Mr. R. J. Kyles. For terms apply to Rev. S. C. Burrell at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms, or R. J. Kyles, True Reformers' Bank. Shorthand also taught through correspondence.

Some of our young women seem to have little regard as to what they say and where they say it. Young folks, respect your neighbors if not yourselves.

Mr. James L. Burrell who has been very sick for the past two weeks is rapidly improving.

Young girls should be careful how they roam the streets at night by themselves. Some have been accosted by men in the military service. Carry an escort, in order to be protected.

The Memorial exercises of Miss Helen Jackson takes place on the 5th Monday night.

Mr. King Cousins and Mrs. Bettie Gaines will join hands in holy wedlock on next Thursday night at 10:15 St. John St. Church.

Miss Ida Eggleston who has been quite sick is out again.

#### MAGNO UXO.

#### ST. LUKE'S ATTENTION!!

#### R. E. National Convention!

There will be a Public Meeting of the I. O. of St. Luke in honor of the R. E. N. G. Convention, Tuesday night, Oct. 18, 1898 at 8 p. m., at 5th St. Baptist Church. All St. Luke and the public generally are invited to attend.

## AGREE WITH MR. FORTUNE.

### THE AFRO-AMERICAN PRESS COMMENTS UPON THE ISSUE.

#### The Laws Against Personal Liberty.

### DEPLORE THE AGITATION.

#### Question and Its Consequences.

#### SPICY COMMENTS BY LEADING JOURNALISTS.

#### AN UNTENABLE PLEA.

[Indianapolis World], Democrat.

Mr. Thomas Fortune, in the New York Age, shows up very effectively the humbug of separate school and marriage laws. The incident that brought it out was the Rochester conference where Mr. Fortune made a square issue of his membership of the conference and of his presiding over it on the direct question of admitting Hon. John H. Smyth of Virginia, to membership of the conference after Mr. Smyth's open and shameful declaration that he did not believe in mixed schools and mixed marriages, on the specious and untenable plea that he believes in the preservation of the Negro type, and all that sort of rot.

#### HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

[Augusta, Ga. Union.]

The Afro-American conference recently held at Rochester, N. Y., seems hard to understand as is the Chinese puzzle, and it is painfully apparent that it did not know the state of its own mind.

They declared that Mr. Fortune was wrong because he favored the mixing of the white and colored youth in the public and other schools, while they refused membership to ex-Minister Smyth because he held views diametrically to Mr. Fortune's and favored the separation of the races in the schools.

The man who can harmonize these two positions is a genius. This the foundation for the great Afro-American League of America? That Mr. Fortune made hasty escape is not wondered at!

#### HAD NO PLACE THERE.

[Boston, Mass. Courant.]

The intermarriage of the white and the colored people was the chief subject discussed at the Rochester conference. In that convention the intermarriage question had no place whatever; and would not have been introduced were it not for some selfish and political purpose. Doubtless when this question was introduced by Mr. Smyth he had in mind the good effect it would have in his own State toward attracting public attention to himself; that he succeeded there is no question.

#### WAS IT RIGHT?

But in all fairness was it right for Mr. Smyth to go to that convention and there thwart the very object for which these gentlemen were called together?

The Courant said a week before the convention was in session that if any selfish men or office seekers should not be allowed to talk nor have any voice in the convention.

Although he was not a member of that body, Mr. Smyth accomplished his purpose and received the notoriety that comes from cheap people. The man who stands in the way and prevents a couple from being equally locked together is an enemy to the human race.

#### Artificial Barriers.

[Jacksonville, Fla. Evangelist.]

These "separate marriage laws" are artificial barriers set up by men—they are the outgrowth of prejudice and a desire to oppress the Negro; they shield the immoral white man and leave the Negro woman exposed to his lusts, and that without any redress. There is nothing in Holy Writ, or in nature or in common sense to justify

the enactment of "separate marriage laws" based upon the color of a person's skin.

The Bible prohibits the marriage of believers in Christ with infidels or heathens, but it lays no restriction, whatever, upon the intermarriage of members of different races, provided both parties to the contract are believers in Christ, or unbelievers. And the Bible relates numbers of instances where believing Jews married Ethiopians and members of other races who were believers in Jehovah or Christ.

#### NO NEED OF A LAW.

And since the whites of the South are so far above the Negroes—so much stronger than they—and so superior in every way to the "degraded," "ignorant" and "despicable" Negro there is no need of a law to keep the whites from marrying the Negroes and vice versa.

To pass a law prohibiting the whites and Negroes from marrying each other, is to lead them to intermarry, for humanity likes to do the thing that men say it must not do.

#### DO NOT PREVENT IT.

These "separate marriage laws" do not prevent the intermarriage of the races, for the whites and Negroes who want to marry each other, find a way to carry out their desires in spite of the law. These iniquitous marriage laws simply promote deception and shield immoral white men in their efforts to debauch and destroy Negro women and in the name of morality and helplessness and abused Negro womanhood we demand that they be abolished.

#### Thinks Mr. Fortune Acted Wisely.

[Martinsburg, W. Va., Pioneer Press.]

A good many exchanges and a lot of people who don't know what they are fussing about seemed to be miffed at Hon. T. Thomas Fortune for promptly sitting on Mr. Smyth and his backwoods ideas last month at the Rochester New York Council. We don't do anything of the kind, as we think President Fortune acted very wisely in ruling as he did. Such speeches as Smyth attempted to make before the Council are the kind that should be laid upon the shelf and never resurrected. There should be intermarriage and separate school laws in every state in the union, and if so, there would be no race troubles in America.

Intermarriage will cause a stoppage in the influx of half-breed children in the United States and mixed schools will cause white and black children to grow up in friendship, and we say again that Thomas Fortune added laurels to his brow when he silenced John H. Smyth of Virginia in his speech at the Rochester Council.

#### Thinks Mr. Smyth Badly Treated.

[New Orleans, La., Southern Christian Advocate, Organ M. E. Church, South.]

According to the echoes which reach us from the Afro-American Conference which was held recently in the city of Rochester, New York, Hon. John H. Smyth, of Virginia, was denied membership in that body because his views on mixed schools and intermarriage laws did not accord with those previously expressed by the chairman of the meeting. That is, he was found to be opposed to mixed schools and the intermarriage of the races, and gave as the reason for his faith that he believed that by separating ourselves we could better preserve our distinct type, etc. This came right breaking up the meeting, for Chairman T. Thomas Fortune immediately made the exau-

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